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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of:

Coates et al.

Serial No.: 09/753,332

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136

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Sir:

Applicant petitions the Assistant Commissioner for Patents under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated August 14, 2003. This extension will extend the time the response is due from November 14, 2003 to February 17, 2004.

- A three month extension is requested; the extension fee is \$475.00
- A Credit Card Payment Form.

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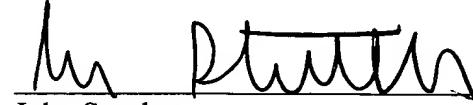
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The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this petition, or to credit any overpayment to **Deposit Account No. 50 1128** referencing docket no. SCAL.P0007.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: February 17, 2004

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